Granting EOUs status to Handicraft Exporters

†2163. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

whether Government is considering the proposal for granting status of Export Oriented Units (EOUs) to handicraft exporters for redressal of their problems;

if so, the details thereof;

if not, the reasons therefor; and

the action taken by Government so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE fN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K..S. ELANGOVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Burden on Gujarat Government due to non-completion of projects

2164. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL:
SHRI JAYANT1LAL BAROT:
SHRI SURENDRA MOTILAL PATEL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

how much burden would Government of Gujarat has to bear on account of the decision of not extending the time limit for completion of the projects sanctioned under Textile Cluster Integrated Development Scheme (TCIDS) and Apparel Park for Export Scheme (APES) after 31st March, 2007;

whether the Government of Gujarat has requested to extend the target for 25 Textile Parks under the Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks; and

if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) The ongoing projects sanctioned under the Textiles Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme (TCIDS) and Apparel Parks for Exports Scheme (APES) are continued to be provided assistance by Government of India after 31.03.2007. Therefore, the question of extra burden on Government of Gujarat does not arise.

(b) and (c) Under the Scheme for Integrated Textiles Park (SITP), initial target of 25 textiles park projects was increased to 30 textiles park projects during the 10th Five Year Plan. The scheme has also been continued in the 11th Five Year plan to sanction additional ten (10) textiles park projects at the first instance.

Marketing support and services scheme for Handicraft Sector

2165. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

whether Government proposes to launch a marketing support and services scheme for handicraft sector and its artisans;

if so, the details thereof, *inter-alia* indicating status of implemenation of this project in Orissa State; and

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